

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In Re: Devendra Y. Raut et al.  
Case: P8900  
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Subject: Edge-Router Scaling for BGP Peering with Virtual Private Routed  
Networks (VPRN)

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Dear Sir:

**Response A**